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INCREASED COOPERATION

SUMMARY. COPENHAGEN INDEPENDENT DAILY POLITIKEN FOLLOWS

UP AUG 16 ON ITS WASHINGTONCORRESTONDENT'S SCOOP ABOUT

US DOCUMENT ON EXPANDED EURO-US COOPERATION BEING

CIRCULATED IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS. NEWSPAPER POINTS OUT

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THAT REPORTED CONTENTS OF US DRAFT ARE POLITICALLY

EXPLOSIVE IN DENMARK AS THEY CONFLICT IN ESSENTIAL RESPECTS WITH LATEST REVISION OF GOVERNING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S POLITICAL PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. POLITIKEN NOTES THAT US PROPOSAL TO BE DISCUSSED AT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

ALTHOUGH ITS CONTENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL, PAPER SAYS IT IS KNOWN TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY WISH OF PRESIDENT AND HENRY KISSINGER TO GIVE NATO COOPERATION A DIMENSION BEYOND THE PURELY POLITICO-MILITARY. THE US REPORTEDLY WISHES "TO RELATE THE DISCUSSION OF BURDEN-SHARING TO A DISCUSSION ON GENERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES".

2. FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN IS SAID TO BE CLOSE-MOUTHED ON SUBJECT AND NEWSPAPER POINTS OUT HIS DIFFICULT POSITION AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETINGS, WHEREIN HE MUST NOT ONLY CONSIDER VIEWPOINT OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT BUT TRY TO FIND A COMMON DENOMINATOR FOR ALL EC COUNTRIES.

3. POLITIKEN POINTS TO OBVIOUS CONTRAST BETWEEN US ADVOCACY OF BROADENED COOPERATION AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAM UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MAIN BOARD FOR PARTY'S NATIONAL CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH STATES: "DENMARK MUST OPPOSE ANY EXPANSION OF NATO FUNCTIONS OR FIELDS, AND WE CAN AND WILL NOT REGARD NATO AS AN AIM IN ITSELF". PROGRAM ALSO STATES "THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE A SECURITY-POLITICAL OR MILITARY COOPERATION WITHIN EC FRAMEWORK."
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